



BULLETIN  
**GORI OPEN 2026**

PROVISION  
approved by the board of  
Georgian Sports Karate National Federation



Mr. Temur Gignadze,  
President of Georgian Sports Karate National federation

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### Greeting from the Host Federation

Dear athletes, coaches, officials and honored guests,

On behalf of the host, Georgian Sports Karate National Federation I am greeting to all participants in the international karate tournament GORI Open 2026. This prestigious event represents another milestone in the popularization of the art of karate.

Welcome to the unique city of Gori in Georgia, which has the honor of hosting talented athletes from all over the world. Your presence here signifies your dedication to sport, unity and friendly spirit. We are pleased to see unforgettable moments of sportsmanship and creative skills during the tournament.

Our federation is committed to fostering a competitive yet inclusive environment where each participant can showcase their abilities and strive for victory. Our team has worked diligently to ensure that the event meets the highest standards of organization.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose efforts made the competition possible. Your support is the foundation for the advancement of karate.

During the competition, I would like to encourage each of you to unite in the spirit of friendship and respect that enriches karate as a sport.

Thank you

Temur Gignadze  
President of GSKNF

## Organizer

- Georgian Sport Karate National Federation
- Gori municipality

## Support organizations

- Ministry of Sport of Georgia
- N(N)LE Gori Municipality Sports Development and Promotion Agency

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## Refereeing the tournament

The tournament will be refereed by referees accredited by the WKF&EKF, as well as by the Georgian Sports Karate National Federation referees.

- The tournament supervisors: Tati Melua, chairman of the referee committee of the Georgian Sports Karate Federation and EKF referee committee member and Konstantine Akhaladze, deputy chairman of GSKNF.
- **Official protest can be presented by writing form only after payment of deposit 100 GEL.**

## Objectives and tasks of the tournament

- Development and popularization of karate in Georgia;
- Supporting athletes and referees in gaining experience and improving their level;
- Bringing athletes to proper sports condition before the responsible competition;

## Terms of registration

**Athletes will compete in the tournament in the age category corresponding to the tournament participation days, 2 and 3 May.**

Clubs from foreign countries should send their registration application to the following e-mail address: [gsknf.office@gmail.com](mailto:gsknf.office@gmail.com), not later of 01 May.

The head of the presenting sports club is responsible for the health of the athletes participating in the competition and the accuracy of the data filled out in the registration list of participants submitted by them.

**Any changes, required by the club after registration close , request at an additional cost and will be made only upon payment amount of 50 GEL for each change. No changes will be made directly on the day of the competition.**

### **Entry Fee and terms of payment**

The fee for participation in the international tournament GORI OPEN is \$35 for both, individual and team categories. The fee is paid in cash onside 1 May, **Friday** Weigh -in day or first day of the competition, 2 May, 2026.

In case of non-payment of the participation fee or untimely registration, the athlete will not be able to participate in the competition. After registration, in case of non-appearance of the athlete due to various reasons, the participation fee will not be returned to the athlete/club.

Transportation and feeding expenses should be cover by the sports clubs.

### **Tournament rules**

All members of WKF are admitted to participate. Tournament will be conducted according to current WKF competition rules and regulations of GSKNF in this Bulletin.

Under coach responsibility that athletes must arrive at the warm-up area on time, no later than 15 minutes after the announcement. In case of delay, the athlete will be removed from the competition.

**An athlete who does not appear on the tatami within 2 minutes with the appropriate equipment (Gum shield, belt of the appropriate color and karate ammunition), will be disqualified from the competition.**

**Competition will be fully under WKF regulations of Protective equipment's (Rules version 2026.01, point 2.2.7). Additionaly GUM shield from the age of 10 is mandatory for participants of all categories, and for athletes the age U14 use WKF approved helmets and body external protectors are compulsory for boys and chest protectors for girls.**

An athlete must be accompanied by only one coach during the competition. Coaches whose athletes are not competing during the given time must not be in the competition area. This violation will result in their disqualification from the current competition.

**Athletes will be admitted to the award ceremony only in karategi or standard sports uniform (T-shirt and/or top with long sweatpants). During the awards ceremony, near the podium photography by non-officials is not permitted. A special permit is required, which will be issued by the Organizing Committee.**

## Awarding

Awarding with medals and diplomas.

## Weighing of athletes

Weighings for athletes will be held on:

- 1 May , Friday from 12:00 - 19:00 hr, in Tbilisi, 15a, University Str., GSKNF office;
- 2 May, from 10.00- 12.00 hr., Sport Palace of Gory;
- 3 May, from 10.00- 12.00 hr., Sport Palace of Gory;

The athlete's weight must exactly meet the requirements of the weight category, it is allowed difference by + 1000 gr. for boys and girls. An athlete who cannot meet these conditions will be disqualified from the competition.

All athletes are obliged to appear in the preparation/weighing area no later than 15 minutes after the announcement by the organizers of the competition, for which full responsibility rests directly to the coach. In case of delay, the athlete will be cancelled from the competition.

Athletes will be drawn on 1 May.

## Categories of the tournament

Age	Male	Female	Time, min
6-7	-22kg, -27kg, +27kg	-22kg, -27kg, +27kg	1.5
8-9	-25kg, -32kg, -38kg, +38kg	-28kg, -35kg, +35kg	1.5
10-11	-30kg, -35kg, -40kg, -45kg, +45kg	-30kg, -35kg, -40kg, +40kg	1.5
12-13	-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, +55kg	-42kg, -47kg, -52kg, +52kg	1.5
14-15	-52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, +70kg	-47kg, -54kg, -61kg, +61kg	2
16-17	-55kg, -61kg, -68kg, -76kg, +76kg	-48kg, -53kg, -59kg, -66kg, +66kg	2
18-20	-60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, +84kg	-50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, +68kg	3
+18	-60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, +84kg	-50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, +68kg	3
+18	TEAM KUMITE (3+1)	TEAM KUMITE (3+1)	3
8-11	KATA	KATA	
12-13	KATA	KATA	
14-15	KATA	KATA	
16-17	KATA	KATA	
18-20	KATA	KATA	
16 +	KATA	KATA	
12-15	TEAM KATA (without BUNKAI)	TEAM KATA (without BUNKAI)	
16+	TEAM KATA (without BUNKAI)	TEAM KATA (without BUNKAI)	

## Note:

The competition will be held with elimination system with repechage. An athlete who does not ready with the appropriate equipment within 2 minutes will be disqualified.

Registration of the same athlete in different age or weight categories allowed only for KUMITE and KATA disciplines, 18-20 and senior age 18+ categories.

## Kata competition

- 8-11 years, a Competitor have to perform a different kata for each round (from WKF list+basic Katas);
- 12-13 years, a Competitor have to perform a different kata for each round (from WKF list);
- Repeat Kata until semifinal not allowed.
- Repeat Kata allowed only once in semifinal or final.
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## Programm of the tournament

**1 May 2026, Friday** - Weigh-in 12.00-19.00 hr, at the GSKNF office, University Street 15a (New Sport Palace);

**2 May 2026, Saturday** 1st day of the tournament, weigh-in from from 09.00 hr to 10.00 hr. In Sports Palace, Competition category: 14-15 / 16-17/ 18-20/+18 Kumite, +18 Team Kumite and Kata 14-15 / 16-17/ 18-20/ 16+ , team Kata 12-15/ 16+ ;

- Meeting of referee comitee, Gori, New Sport palace, 9:00 hr;
- Weigh-in 10.00-12.00 hr., Gori, New Sport palace;
- Begining of competition 10:00 hr;
- Award ceremonies immediately after the end of the weight category.

**3 May 2026, Sunday** - 2nd day of of the tournament, category: 6-7/8-9/10-11/ 12-13 KUMITE and KATA 8-11/12-13;

- Meeting of referee comitee, Gori, New Sport palace, 9:00 hr;
- Weigh-in 10.00-12.00 hr., Gori, New Sport palace;
- Begining of competition 10:00 hr;
- Award ceremonies immediately after the end of the weight category.

## Registration shedule

On 1 May, 2026 by online platform [www.sportlab.ge](http://www.sportlab.ge) will be published the start time of the respective categories of the tournament and the lists of participants, based on which will be published the final schedule.

## NOTE:

The organizers have the right to make changes to the tournament program, about which the participants will be notified in advance publicly.

## Competition VENUE

The competition will be held in Gori, in the new sport palace located near Chubinashvili street.



The board of  
Georgian Sports Karate National Federation



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